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SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know, Sir, if there are no beggar homes why not the Government issue an order to run beggar homes or to provide relief to the disabled and crippel in all the big cities? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am examining the question as to opening destitute homes in all places. Probably the Opposition have got news of it, and they want to steal my thunder." (Laughter.)

Bus service in Visakhapatnam.

* 123 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaints from the public of Visakhapatnam regarding the irregular service of the city bus service in Visakhapatnam ; and

(*b*) if so, what is the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) Suitable instructions have been issued to the Regional Transport Officer, Visakhapatnam, to eliminate the irregularities and improve the service."

SRI G. ANJANEYULU :—" ఒక విశాఖపట్నంలోనే కాకుండా గుంటూరు, బెజవాడలలో కూడా బస్సు సర్వీసులలో irregularities జరుగుతున్నవి అని అంటున్నారు. ప్రభుత్వంవారు అటువంటివి ఏమీ జరుగకుండా నివారించ జేస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to submit to you, Sir, that the hon. Member's question does not arise."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It was put in Telugu, so I did not understand his question. That is my difficulty."

Tenancy Legislation.

* 124 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government propose to bring Tenancy Legislation to secure fixity of tenure and if so, by what time?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Land Revenue Reforms Committee, constituted by the Government in May 1950, examined the tenancy problems such as fixity of tenure, fair rents, grounds for eviction of tenants, etc. The recommendations made by the Committee are under consideration of the Government. The question of undertaking legislation on these recommendations will be considered soon after final decisions are taken on them."

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SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" Would the Hon. Minister just give us an idea of the approximate time as to when they will arrive at a decision, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As early as possible, Sir."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Sir, before bringing a comprehensive legislation in regard to the fixity of tenure, will the Government take immediate steps to see that peasants are not forcibly driven out of their holdings in view of the fact that in hundreds of inam villages, the inamdars, in order to circumvent any future legislation, are resorting to all sorts of methods including application of force to evict the peasantry from their lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Will the hon. Member give me an instance of an inam where tenants have been evicted? "

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" I can give any number of instances where peasants have been driven out of their lands, for instance, Pinamadakaagraharam, Majjivalasa, and a good number of other villages. I am prepared to place them before the Hon. Revenue Minister at some convenient time."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am much obliged to the hon. Member. I will look into the matter."

SRI L. C. PAIS :—" Sir, pending the introduction of formal tenancy reform, will the Government be pleased to introduce an interim legislation immediately to safeguard the rights of tenants and to prevent their eviction, as it is done in the case of Malabar? The Government may bring forward their legislation at any time. Pending that, would they consider bringing in an interim legislation for preventing the eviction of tenants? The information was given some time back that in South Kanara about 900 to 1,000 eviction suits were filed in the courts every year.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" My experience is that any interim legislation will bring about the postponement of the main legislation."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, in view of the fact that immediately after such reports are published, and before the Government actually make up their mind to bring forward legislation, the landlords resort to large scale eviction of their tenants for the purpose of evading the operation of any law that may later on come into force, will the Government at least consider the necessity of issuing an Ordinance to maintain the *status quo* and to see that the landlords do not evict their tenants? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" An Ordinance can be issued only after the House is prorogued. We cannot issue an Ordinance now. I may tell hon. Members that we are anxious to improve the position of the peasantry, and they can hopefully wait. It is impossible to introduce any reform in this world without producing an evasive interim

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reaction on the part of those who will lose by that reform. All these have to be taken into account. We will produce something which will satisfy the tenantry. But if we discuss it too much, these interim evasive measures will proceed apace.''

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—" Sir, in spite of the fact that persistent questions are being put on the issue of tenancy reform, and whether the Government will see that tenants are not evicted from their lands, the Hon. Minister did not give a categorical answer. May I ask the Hon. Minister what immediate steps the Government propose to take to see that the landlords do not resort to eviction of their tenants. This is a most important question."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" Sir, hon. Members are not really taking into account the difficulty in the matter. They use the vague term 'tenants'. If we make a law or issue an Ordinance, whatever it be, that nobody should be ejected, they will go to courts again saying 'he is not a tenant; he is only a labourer on the land for wages'. Unless we get a nominal list, we will not be able to protect them effectively. But without going so far it is possible to provide a law in such a way that tenants are protected to a reasonable extent and leave the residuary litigation to be faced. We can do that. But as I have already explained, we have to do that either by legislation or by Ordinance. Legislation will be delayed and cannot produce the interim effect that is wanted. Therefore I say it will be done as soon as an Ordinance can be issued."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI:—" In view of the fact that the Hon. the Chief Minister could advise the Governor to prorogue the House to issue an Ordinance for the purpose of levying the tax on petrol, will he also advise the Governor to prorogue this House for the purpose of issuing the Ordinance for this specific purpose?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I do not mind answering that it will be done as soon as it can reasonably be done. The House cannot be prorogued now in the middle of the budget session."

Fair price shops in surplus areas.

*125 *Q.*—Sri G. C. KONDAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the District Collectors have been intimated through a circular or otherwise with regard to the fair price shops being opened even in surplus areas of the State, if it is necessary?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Yes."

Sri G. C. KONDAYYA:—" Are the Government aware of the fact that in many of the dry taluks of Nellore district fair price shops are not opened by the local officials?"